

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 23, 25, 37-46, 50 and 52 remain in this case.

Claim 42, objected to on the basis of a misspelling, has been amended in response.

Several claims were rejected on the basis of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,270,464 B1 and copending Patent Application No. 09/900,801. The attached **terminal disclaimer** overcomes these rejections.

Most of the claims, with the exception of claims 4 and 37-45, have been rejected over the patent to Sirimanne 6,356,782 alone or in conjunction with the patent to Haaga 5,487,392. **Claim 4** has been placed in independent form, with an unnecessary limitation from claim 3 removed, so that it, and the claims depending therefrom, that is **claims 2, 3, 5-14 and 16**, are now allowable. **Claims 37-45** are also allowable.

Claims 1, 15, 17-19, 23, 25, 46, 50 and 52, in some cases as amended, are fully supported by provisional Patent Application 60/092,734 filed 14 July 1998. A copy of this provisional Application, from which this Application claims priority, taken from the patent office records is attached hereto. Accordingly, Sirimanne 6,356,782, which claims an earliest priority date of 24 December 1998, is not prior art to these claims.

Accordingly, the pending claims are either allowable over the cited art or are allowed because they have a priority date earlier than the priority date of Sirimanne 6,356,782.

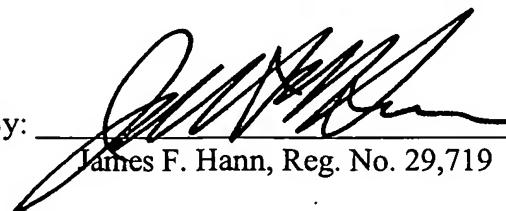
In light of the above remarks, the provision of a terminal disclaimer and the amendments to the claims, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is urged. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

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